



Homeland Security

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Re: **2013-HQFO-00823**

Dear Mr. Morisy:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated July 16, 2013, and received by this office on August 02, 2013. You are seeking a copy of any objections to agency data gathering practices received by DHS from the following telecommunications and web service providers from 2008 to the date your request is processed: (1) Yahoo; (2) Google; (3) Microsoft; (4) Research in Motion; (5) Skype/ebay; (6) Time Warner; (7) Verizon; and (8) AT&T. Specifically you seek objections to both classified and unclassified data gathering programs, redacting or omitting portions of complaints that include properly classified information while including the substance of the objections touching on non-operational details and formal and informal complaints, as well as contacts by corporate legal advisors seeking the cessation, restriction, adjustment, or other modifications of such programs.

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Privacy Office and the Correspondence Tracking System for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

Records pertaining to your request would mostly fall under the purview of the National Security Agency (NSA). Therefore we suggest you contact NSA directly at:

National Security Agency
Attn: FOIA/PA Office (DJ4)
9800 Savage Road, Suite 6248
Ft. George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within the Privacy Office that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter, to: Associate General Counsel (General Law), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA

regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal."
Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may email them at ogis@nara.gov or call 1-877-684-6448.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$14 minimum, there is no charge.

If you need to contact our office concerning this request, please call (202) 343-1743 and refer to **2013-HQFO-00823**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Washington".

Angela Washington
Acting Director
Disclosure Policy and FOIA Program Development